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MEMORANDUM FOR: DI Information Review Officer

FROM:

DCI Crime and Narcotics Center

SUBJECT: Records Searches: Mena, Arkansas and
Related Topics

REFERENCE: DI/IRO memo, dated 31 August 1995,
w/attached EXDIR memo, dated
31 August 1995

1. Referenced memo requested that CNC search for records responsive to referenced Tab A and that CNC review and comment on referenced Tab B. On 6 September 1995 CNC sent you a memo stating we had located no responsive records to the subjects identified in Tab A.

2. This memorandum addresses the request for comments to Tab B, the 21 July 1995 draft memorandum of record prepared by Chairman Leach's staff concerning questions and agency responses on Mena/Systematics. CNC has reviewed Tab B and offers the following comments.

3. While CNC has no documents or records pertaining to "Barry Seal",

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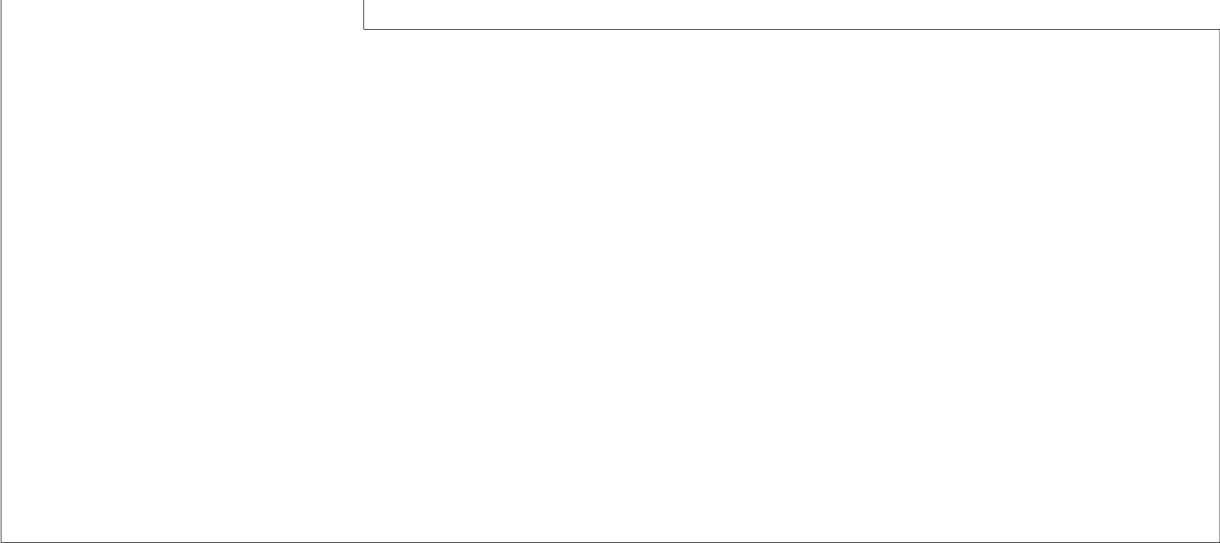
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5. During 1984, there was high policymaker interest
in assessing the role of the Cuban and Nicaraguan government
in the drug trade. 


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6. In 1988, the Foreign Relations Committee was examining drug trafficking in Central America, especially the role of Panama, and requested all finished intelligence related to these issues. Attached is a list of the documents provided to the SSCI for Senators Pell and Kerry and cleared staff on 29 March 1988. The two papers discussed above were included among the documents provided to the SSCI on that date.

7. CNC has no documents or written records pertaining to the installation of cameras on Seal's C-123 aircraft. However, to the best of our understanding, CIA's OTS may have installed cameras on the aircraft used in the 1984 operation. Therefore, we suggest that you recommend to the DO that it check with OTS or other components regarding the following inquiry in the draft memorandum:

- "Did the CIA have any involvement in, or knowledge of, the installation of cameras on Seal's C-123K transport plane for use in a 1984 "sting" operation against the Sandinista official Frederico Vaughan?"

8. While CNC does not have any documents or written records that pertain to "Barry Seal", [REDACTED]

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9. If you have any questions please call me at .

Attachments: a/s

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